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(D): REMARKS

In an Action mailed 16 November, the first in the present application, the Examiner rejected claims 2-6 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 7 was rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Molaskey et al., 3,785,699. Claim 1 was allowed. Claims 2-6 were implicitly indicated as allowable, being dependent upon an allowed base claim, upon correction of a defect in claim 2. Claims 8-10 were indicated as allowable, but objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim.

By the amendment paragraph [0018] has been amended to correct an error in a reference numeral. Claim 2 has been amended to clarify the claim language and overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Claim 3 has been corrected in a minor respect to correct an antecedent basis issue discovered upon rereading (reference to an element previously introduced had been made using the indefinite article). Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis problem. Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 remain active.

The comments of the Examiner having been adopted substantially in full, the applicant believes the Claims not previously allowed and here amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable action by the Examiner.

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